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wherein each picture includes a priority used to determine whether there is a picture which should be processed, or not be processed, according to a load processed by a reception side terminal or processing capacity of a reception side terminal.

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- 16. (As Amended) A real time picture coding apparatus comprising one or more picture input means of feeding pictures, picture input control means of controlling the control state of the picture input means, other terminal control request control means of controlling the reception state of a reception side terminal, coding process decision means of determining the coding method of pictures depending on at least the controlled reception state of the reception side terminal or the control state of said picture input means, picture coding means of coding said input picture according to the result of decision by the coding process decision means, and output means of delivering the coded picture,
- wherein each picture includes a priority used to determine whether there is a picture which should be processed, or not be processed, according to a load processed by a reception side terminal or processing capacity of a reception side terminal.

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20. (As Amended) A picture coding apparatus comprising picture coding means for coding picture information, and transmission control means for transmitting or recording coded various information,

wherein the coded various information is delivered to a picture decoding apparatus comprising reception control means for receiving coded various information, picture decoding means for decoding the received various information, and output means for delivering the decoded picture,

wherein each picture includes a priority used to determine whether there is a picture which should be processed, or not be processed, according to a load processed by the picture decoding apparatus or processing capacity of the picture decoding apparatus.

21. (As Amended) A picture decoding apparatus comprising reception control means for receiving coded various information transmitted from a picture

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coding apparatus including picture coding means for coding picture information, and transmission control means for transmitting or recording coded various information,

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- picture decoding means for decoding the received various information, and
- output means for delivering the decoded picture,
- wherein each picture includes a priority used to determine whether there is a picture which should be processed, or not be processed, according to a load processed by the picture decoding apparatus or processing capacity of the picture

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